REMARKS

Claims 1 - 14 remain in this application. Claims 1 - 14 are objected to.

Claims 1, 3, 4 - 6, 8, 9, and 11 - 14 are amended herein to implement all of the amendments to those claims requested by the Examiner in the Office Action in order to overcome the bases for objection to the claims and to place all of the claims in allowable condition.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

No additional claims fees are due with the filing of this Amendment.

This Amendment is being filed within the original two month shortened statutory period for response, therefore, a Request for an Extension of Time is not required and no fee for an extension of time is presently due.

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No other fees are believed due with the filing of this Amendment. If, however, any fees are due, or if Applicants are entitled to any refunds of previous overpayments, they should be respectively charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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